

City of Gardner Open Space and Recreation Survey

The City of Gardner is performing a 5-year update to its Open Space and Recreation Plan. Undeveloped public or privately owned area is considered "Open Space". The plan sets Open Space goals and priorities. An Open Space and Recreation plan is critical to receiving certain grants and other funding for the City. A survey soliciting input from Gardner residents will be distributed. This will allow the City to determine appropriate goals and position the City to receive available funding.

Unfortunately, the survey is not available to fill-out on-line. The questions included in the survey are provided below. For additional information about Gardner's Open Space and Recreation committee activities visit the City of Gardner web page at <http://www.Gardner-ma.gov>

1. Gardner is my: *(Check all that apply)*

- ☐ Primary residence
- ☐ Vacation home
- ☐ Second home
- ☐ Place of business
- ☐ Place where I own property but not reside

2. How would you like to see Gardner in 20 years? *(Check all that apply)*

- ☐ Primarily residential
- ☐ Second home for out-of-towners
- ☐ A place for vacation and tourism
- ☐ A strong business community
- ☐ Environmentally sound with natural settings

3. What do you consider to be the City's treasured natural resources? *(Check all that apply)*

- ☐ Scenic views and vistas ☐ Farmlands
- ☐ Ponds and water bodies ☐ Wetlands
- ☐ Rivers and streams ☐ Forestland
- ☐ Other _____

4. Where in Gardner do you go for recreation ?

5. The Community Preservation Act allows a surcharge on tax assessments (with income exemptions and State fund match) for historic site, housing assistance, and land preservation. Would you approve this use of tax dollars? *(Check one)*

- ☐ No ☐ Not likely ☐ Maybe ☐ Likely yes ☐ Definitely

6. If offered, would you attend a seminar to learn more about the Community Preservation Act and other revenue sources for Open Space preservation?

☐ No ☐ Not likely ☐ Maybe ☐ Likely yes ☐ Definitely

7. What recreational facilities would best serve you and your family? *(Check all that apply)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking | <input type="checkbox"/> Road biking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art Classes | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf | <input type="checkbox"/> Public movies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Biking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting | <input type="checkbox"/> Museums |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Skating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motocross | <input type="checkbox"/> Concerts | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing or Kayaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature walks | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden/Home tours | <input type="checkbox"/> Other_____ | |

8. Where would you like to see additional dollars spent for open space? *(Check all that apply)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> River & stream bank protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike paths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> River & stream recreation areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf courses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife conservation areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pond recreation areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scenic vista protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland walks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trails and greenways | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community vegetable gardens | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical sites |

9. Compared with funding other City needs, how important is funding Open Space preservation to you? *(1=lowest to 5=highest)* _____

10. Is there any open space, public or private, that you would like to see protected?
(be specific)

11. Comments: